St. George Serbian Orthodox Church
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Sunday, November 1 – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost / St John of Krondstadt
Epistle Gal 4:11-18 Gospel Luke 16:19-31 tone 5th
3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am**.** Church school. Church anniversary dinner in the lower level of our social center.

Friday, November 6 Vespers/confession at 6 pm

Saturday, October 7 – Memorial Saturday / Mitrovske zadusnice
Divine Liturgy and general parastos at 9 am
Vigil/confession ay 5 pm

Sunday, November 8 – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost / St Demetrius the Greatmartyr
Epistle Heb. 12:6-13,25-27; Eph. 2:4-10; II Tim. 2:1-10 Gospel Matt. 8:23-27; Luke 16:19-31; John 15:17-16:2 tone 6th
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Upcoming Feast days and events:
November 14 – Consecration of St Mardarije Cultural Center in Libertyville. Plan to attend!
16 – Dedication of St George temple / Djurdjic
21 – Holy Arch Michael / Arandjelovdan

Pomens (litany of the departed): +Radmila Djuric, given by Dragana Rizzi; +Ingrid Steegn-Bongartz, given by Pavel Talalaev; +Donna Moses, given by Matthew Moses;

We are praying especially for: Richard Jovanovich, Stevan Lunich, Steva Iacsin, Sandy Grundy, Nicholas Malinovich, Dusan Cvjetkovic, John Radakovich, Roger Trizna, Bob Orlovich, Jack Book Sr, Zoe Evans, and all others in our parish who are ill, afflicted, suffering, in need of our prayers, and/or unable to attend services. May Our Lord Jesus Christ Touch Them with His Healing Hand!

Alert! Some parohioners informed me that they received my email asking them for help and or to bring gift cards! First of all my personal email doesnt start with „V Rev *then my name* „ (this is SCAM). Please do not opent it or if you do, delete it immediately. I am so sorry. This has happened before through emails and text using my name and wrong phone number. I hope this will never happen again! *Fr Aleksandar.*

St. George Anniversary – Join us on Sunday, November 1st, as we celebrate 98 years as a church community! Following the Divine Liturgy, please attend a special anniversary luncheon in the lower level of the Social Center. There is no set fee for the meal; any goodwill contribution you make will be applied directly toward your 2026 stewardship. We hope to see you there!

A new Kiot, an icon case, with the icon of the Holy Theotokos, is on the northern wall near the Iconostasis and it should be venerated each time we come to or leave the church and especially after you partake of the prosphora and walk by it. The icon is the hand painted copy of the miraculous Russian Icon of the Theotokos, "Soothe my sorrows". Actually after we enter the church we should venerate all icons, first in the narthex and the next,... The same when we depart

The applications to the Nominating Committee for the St George Church Board are available at the warden/candle table; please ask the warden. We are encouraging all stewards in good standing to consider being a part of the Church Board. To be a member in good standing means to attend worship regularly and in good liturgical and sacramental standing and who fulfils his/her financial obligations. Please return your application to Fr Aleksandar.
У недељу 1 новембра прославићемо 98 годишњицу наше парохије Св Георгија у Џолијет. После литургије биће свечани ручак у доњој сали нашег центра, сви сте позвани и планирајте доћи. За две године наша парохија ће славити сто година од постојања.

The words from our Patriarch Porfirije (paraphrased) When do we fast, make our confession and partake of holy communion? We fast when the Church asks us to fast during the fasting seasons and on certain holy days, we partake of holy communion at Divine Liturgy and confess regularly from our hearts and not mechanically. For historical reasons, we stopped frequent communion, and it must be restored. Regulations on fasting, how much and whether it will be increased or decreased for certain parishioners, when and how many times to confess, before every communion or once per month or so, and the preparation for the communion, first and foremost is between every faithful parishioner and their spiritual father, the priest. The old "tradition" was that you fast one week or five days, go to "confession" mechanically and are ready to commune. This is truly the "old way" and should be replaced. Please think about the words and suggestions of our beloved Patriarch!
Those of you who would like to partake holy communion more frequently, please talk to Fr Alex.

У цркви са северне стране на зиду виси икона Пресвете Богородице у великом дрвеном резбареном раму. Икона и рам су урађени у Русији и поклон је фамилије из наше парохије за покој душа родитеља. Кад излазите из цркве поклоните се и целивајте ову дивну икону и помолите се Богородици.

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord!
Идите у миру, волите и служите Господа!